



We'll leave the light on

Add the name of someone you loveto the prayer list.
Someone you hope will fine their way

- Home to the Mass
- Home to the Church
- Home to the Eucharist

Pray that they know they are still loved, remembered,
and still have a place here

Taking Refuge in Jesus

A reflection on fear, trust, suffering, and faith. What does it mean to take refuge in Jesus? To take refuge in Jesus means to consciously make Christ your safe place, your source of strength, and the person you turn toward when life is frightening, painful, confusing, or beyond your control. It comes from a deeply biblical idea. The Psalms repeatedly speak of God as a refuge. **Psalm 18:2** “*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.*” For a Christian, taking refuge in Jesus doesn't mean running away from your responsibilities or pretending problems don't exist. It means you don't face them as though you are carrying them entirely by yourself. What can it look like? When you're anxious: “Jesus, I don't know how to handle this. I'm giving it to You. Stay with me.” When you're hurting: “Jesus, You know what I'm feeling. I don't have to hide it from You.” When you're tempted: “Jesus, help me choose what is good. I can't do this by myself.” When you're uncertain about the future: “Jesus, I trust You with what I cannot see.” Sometimes it is simply sitting quietly before God and saying: “Jesus, I am here. You are here. That's enough for this moment.” The Catholic dimension “taking refuge in Jesus” isn't merely an emotional feeling of comfort. It is an act of trust. You are saying: “Christ, You are my Lord. I belong to You. My circumstances may change, my feelings may change, and I may not understand what You're doing—but I will turn toward You rather than away from You.” Divine Mercy connects beautifully with the simple prayer: “Jesus, I trust in You.” Jesus' invitation “*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest,*” **Matthew 11:28.** A simple prayer “Jesus, I take refuge in You. I give You my fears, my worries, my failures, and my future. Hold me close and teach me to trust You.” What if I pray that but I'm still afraid? You can genuinely take refuge in Jesus while still being afraid. Trust does not mean you stop feeling afraid. You can say, “Jesus, I trust You.” while your heart is still pounding and your mind is still worrying. The fear doesn't mean your prayer failed. The disciples in the storm were afraid while Jesus was literally in the boat with them. Their fear did not mean Jesus had abandoned them. Jesus in Gethsemane experienced profound anguish and prayed: “*Not my will, but yours be done,*” **Luke 22:42** You don't have to say, “Jesus, I'm not afraid anymore.” You can say: “Jesus, I'm scared. I don't know what's going to happen. I don't feel peaceful. But I'm still choosing to stay with You. Help me trust You even while I'm afraid.” **Mark 9:24,** “*I believe, help my unbelief!*” Jesus does not require perfect emotional certainty before you come to Him. If the worry returns five minutes later, you can give it back to Him again. That is not failure. That can be what taking refuge looks like. You don't have to wait until you're unafraid to run into the shelter. You run into the shelter because you're afraid. What if the worst still happens? Christianity does not promise that if you take refuge in Jesus, the thing you're afraid of won't happen. Sometimes the worst thing really does happen. Taking refuge in Jesus isn't a bargain where we say, “I'll trust You, therefore You must make this outcome turn out the way I want.” It is something deeper: “Jesus, I desperately want this particular thing to turn out differently. I'm going to ask You for it. But if I cannot have the outcome I want, please don't let me lose You in the middle of it.” In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the suffering to be taken away. It wasn't! He went through the Passion. But the Passion wasn't the end. Our Christian hope is not “Nothing terrible will ever happen to me.” But rather it is: “Whatever happens, Christ will not abandon me, and suffering and death do not get the final word.” If something terrible happens, you could say to Jesus: “Jesus, I trusted You. I'm hurt. I'm angry. I'm confused. I don't understand why You allowed this. But I'm still here. Please don't let me walk away from You. I can't carry this without You.” The Psalms are full of people essentially saying, “God, where are You? Why is this happening?” They are prayers of people bringing their pain to God instead of away from Him and trusting Jesus doesn't mean trusting that He will give you the outcome you want. It means trusting Jesus Himself! **Matthew 28:20,** “*I am with you always,*” *means* you can ask Jesus directly to prevent the thing you fear. Then you can add: “Lord, please don't let this happen. I am begging You. But whatever happens, don't let me be separated from You. Stay with me. Carry me when I can't walk. And if the thing I'm terrified of actually happens, give me the grace to get through the next minute, then the next.” You don't have to have enough faith for the rest of your life. You only need enough grace for the next step and a prayer to keep going “Jesus, I take refuge in You. I am afraid, and I don't know what will happen. I ask You to protect me and the people I love. But whatever happens, please stay with me. Help me trust You even when I am frightened. Carry me when I cannot carry myself. Jesus, **I trust You—help my unbelief.**”

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In lieu of flowers or other gifts for church members who have lost a loved one, we humbly ask that donations be made to the St. Mary Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity will offer meaningful support to those in need in our community and honor the memory of the departed. The family of the deceased will decide how the gifts received by our Conference will be acknowledged to the sender. They will also receive a list of all donations received.

St Mary Catholic Church

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 24-25, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
Pastor/Párroco Fr. Tom Buckman tom.buckman@pastoral.org
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Saturday, October 24	5:00 PM	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the Soul of Jenny Cox
Sunday, October 25	8:30 AM	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the Soul of Patricia Buckman
Domingo 25 Octubre	6:00 PM	30th Sunday del Tiempo Ordinario - por los fieles de la parroquia
Monday, October 26	8:00 AM	Intentions- End to the Exploitation and Slavery of Children
Tuesday, October 27	Noon	Intentions- For the Soul of Diane Rossiter
Wednesday, October 28	7:00 PM	Intentions- For the Soulof Phyllis Marlene Denny
Thursday, October 29	8:00 AM	Intentions- For the healing of Frances Cullman
Thursday,October 29	Adoration 9AM- 10 PM	
Friday, October 30	8:00 AM	Intentions- For the Soul of Tim Reilly
Saturday, October 31	5:00 PM	Vigil All Saints Day: For the Soul of Deacon Art & Mary DeNunzio
Sunday, November 1	8:30 AM	All Saints Day: For the Soul of Hazel & Raymond Heaton
Domingo 1 Noviembre	6:00 PM	Todos los Santos - por los fieles de la parroquia
If you have Mass intentions, please contact Fr. Tom or Erin in the office.		
Mass Ministers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass.		
When/if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled Mass Ministry, please find a replacement		Thank You, Fr. Tom
If you are sick, or know someone who is ill, we want to include them in our prayers.		
Please contact Erin in the parish office on 270-586-4515 or by email so our parish can pray for you and your caregivers.		
Please Remember in Your Prayers the Following Parishioners, Family and Friends: Corbin, Megan, and Hays Bray, Matthew Maynard, Jamie Berry, Josh Randolph, Caleb Powell, Jack Wojcicki, Carol Ritter, The Cozzy Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Mae King, Sandra Bracy, Richard Hearn, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Daniel Murphy, Gail Hall, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan		
Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers: Leslie and Jenny Cox, Harry King, Regina Cozzy, Lewis Garst, Calvin Oshefsky, Patrick Collins, Gracie Scott, Carol Sue Durbin, Charles Andrew Yanov, Jason W. Bracy, Mary Barnes, Conner Sheahan, Marie Watson, Debbie Head, Crystal Becker, Andrew & Michael Garrett, Angela Berry Maynard, Sarah Drake, Basil Trouten Sr., Hilda Trouten, Dorthy O'Bryan, Joseph Hagan, Susie Wyatt, Miriam Harbin, Roger Farley, Dr A.V. Wilwayco, Frank & Marie Farmer, Keith Obriskie, Gail Briley, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, Andy Herrmann, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux, Mike Glodoski, David Caruthers, Joan Mueller, Rhonda Barrow, and Rose Vogt		
Please pray for our military: Jack Jeffers, Army, Ft Carson, Colorado Springs, CO.; Eric Rafferty, Air Force, England; Korbin Bray, US Navy, Japan; Capt. Ryan Berry, USMC California; Jonathan Thompson, Navy, Jacksonville, FL; Ariel Molina Jr, Marines, Pensacola, FL. Please call the office to add a name		

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	2 All Souls Day 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Acts 2:42	3 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	4 6:00 PM Mass Religious Education- All Saints Party	5 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM OCIA	6 6:00 PM 1 st Friday Mass	7 8:00 AM 1 st Saturday Mass 10:00 Confirmation Meeting 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass <i>Thanksgiving basket food return</i> 4:00 PM Cemetery Memorial for Veterans 6:00 PM Misa	9 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Acts 2:42	10 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	11 6:00 PM Mass Religious Education-	12 8:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM Acts 2:42 5:00 SVDP Mtg. 6:00 PM OCIA	13 8:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Evangelization	14 10:00 AM Baptism Prep Class 10:00 Catechist Retreat 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
15 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa Commission Liturgical Ministers	16 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.	17 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	18 6:00 PM Mass Religious Education	19 8:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Admin Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM OCIA	20 8:00 AM Mass ODY 6:00 Rehearsal	21 Noon <i>Bolin- Perez Wedding</i> 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
22 Christ the King 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa Commission Liturgical Ministers	23 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.	24 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	25 6:00 PM Mass No Religious Education	26 8:00 AM Mass Thanksgiving Day	27 8:00 AM Mass 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass OCIA Rite of Welcome	28 Noon Baptisms 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass OCIA Rite of Welcome
29 1 st Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Mass OCIA Rite of Welcome 6:00 PM Misa	30 8:00 AM Mass	Birthdays: Kacey Sanchez, Beckie Clark, Myracle Stafford, Ernesto Valencia, Kaitlin Trouten, Laura Lemus, Easton Scott, Sylvia Meadows, Iker Andres, Jorge Lopez, Carmen Cruz, Gus Russell, Abbey Pais, Donald Grace, Fay Grace, Fernando Hernandez, Marcia Caruthers, Tom Cozzy, Claudia Matais, Stephanie Craig, William Clark, Jacob Warren, Megan Rafferty, Tucker Zeman, Darrell Fenley, Liam Otiz, Rose Forney, Deigo Gonzales, Neptali Narvaez, James Everett, Juan Gomez, Yessica Perez, Vivian Foncha.			Anniversaries: <i>Jerome & Nancy Doyle, Joyce & Mark Pais</i>	

MASS SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2026 - PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS

DATE	GREETER	USHER	GIFT BEARER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	E MINISTER
SATURDAY	Richard Mahoney	David Duncan	Garrett Family	Ly Canada	Theresa Odom	Duane Wolter
10/31/26	Mark Pais	Richard Mahoney				Robin Tyler
						Terri Tyler
SUNDAY	Moratin Family	Tim Rafferty	Guadalupe Family	Joshua Humphrey	Sandra Bracy	Marta McMahon
11/01/26		Ben Berry		Gael Cruz		Kenneth Bracy
		Andrew Tamm				Fabiola Humphrey
		Tibor Laky				
SATURDAY	Richard Mahoney	David Duncan	Theresa Odom	Lynn Canada	Julie Grant	Therese Odom
11/07/26	Keith Mueller	Keith Mueller	Rita Long			Rosie Nichols
						Dan Nichols
SUNDAY	McMahon Family	Colby Ritter	Rafferty Family	April Guadalupe	Joshua Humphrey	Helen Berry
11/08/26		Donald Meadows		Ola Danehy		Ben Berry
		Sean Danehy				Silvia Meadows
		Julius Foncha				
SATURDAY	Becker Family	David Duncan	Gantt Family	Lindsey Canada	Karen Trouten	Sue Boyne
11/14/26		Darrell Fenley				Duane Wolter
						Joyce Pais
SUNDAY	Laky Family	Joey McMahon	Mary Beth Farley	Nathan Santos	Andrew Tamm	Maria Molina
11/15/26		John Wargo	Abbey Pais	Sammy Wallace		Ariel Molina
		Casimiro Moratin				Jose Angel Noguez
		Ben Berry				
SATURDAY	Mark Pais	David Duncan	Stafford Family	Audrey Gantt	Eli Gantt	Duane Wolter
11/21/26	Keith Mueller	Richard Mahoney				Therese Odom
						Julie Grant
SUNDAY	Harrington Family	Kenneth Bracy	McMahon Family	Ben Berry	Abbey Pais	Mary Ann Forney
11/22/26		Anthony Stoll				Fabiola Humphrey
		John Wargo				Tibor Laky
		Andrew Tamm				
SATURDAY	Richard Mahoney	David Duncan	Keith Mueller	Ly Canada	Rico Tyler	Sue Boyne
11/28/26	Mark Pais	Keith Mueller	Mark Pais			Joyce Pais
						Duane Wolter
SUNDAY	Danehy Family	Tim Rafferty	Bracy Family	Sammy Wallace	Patty Kinder	Marta McMahon
11/28/26		Donald Meadows				Silvia Meadows
		Joey McMahon				Tibor Laky
		Colby Ritter				



A special Thank You to all the members of the Parish who were integral in another successful Taster’s Luncheon! 172 people were served either dine in, take out, or by delivery.

The Parish Mission will be October 26-28, 7:00 pm. Father Jewell Aytona, Fathers of Mercy will be the Mission Priest. Social each evening at 6:00 pm with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available before and after the Mission Talk.

AS OF 10/20/2026						
Budget Needs 2025-26 Weekly		\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs		\$ 56,761
Received last week		\$	3,304	Received YTD		\$ 61,812
Difference		\$	487			\$ 5,051
On Going Projects Last Week		\$	78	YTD		\$ 1,019
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	26 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Mission	27 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass 7:00 PM Parish Mission	28 6:00 PM Mass No Religious Education 7:00 PM Parish Mission	29 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM OCIA	30 8:00 AM Mass	31 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Halloween 
Mass Attendance— 10/10 5:00 PM- 70 10/11 8:30 AM-101 10/11 6:00 PM-127						

A Memorial Service for those members of our community who have died this past year - (November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026) will take place on Monday, November 2nd, at the 8:00 AM Mass. Father Tom will remember each person by name and a candle will be lit in their memory as we pray for our departed loved ones. Please join us as we honor those we love is this special way.

Congratulations to Elijah Gantt who celebrated the first public step of becoming a Third Order Lay Dominican on October 17 in Nashville. Please keep him in prayer as he prepares for next step of the process later in 2027.

Please help us keep the church interior and grounds looking clean and beautiful. Properly dispose of **chewing gum in a trash receptacle. Thank you!**

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00) and Thursday from 9-4PM Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.
Parish Council: Chair- Ninoska Everett, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- Tibor Laky, Jose Angel Noguez, Robin Clark, and Haley Danehy
Building and Grounds Committee: Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne, and Josue Cabrera
Administration & Finance Committee Meets 3 rd Thursday @ 5:00 PM Chairman- Duane Wolter, John Janicek, Darrell Fenley, and Andrew Tamm
Ladies Guild: President–Sheila Jeffers, Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney
Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark, Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, Miracle Stafford, and Ninoska Everett.
Music Director- Joshua Wagner stmaryccmusic@gmail.com Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter
Worship/Liturgy Committee: Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), Joshua Wagner, and Maggie Tamm.
Evangelization and Outreach Ministry: Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair), Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, Jean Lovell, and Robert Loza
Librarian- Charli Vos
Archivist- Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm

Dear Padre,

I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?

Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it's healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14). Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it's often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we're steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church's belief in God's goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members' behavior is contrary to Christ's mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it's good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. "The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one people of god, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 776). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Health cannot be a luxury for the few.... Universal health coverage is not merely a technical goal to be achieved; it is primarily a moral imperative for societies that wish to call themselves just. Healthcare must be accessible to the most vulnerable, then, not only because their dignity requires it but also to prevent injustice from becoming a cause of conflict.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MARCH 19, 2026

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Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Monday	Thursday	Saturday
October 26 Weekday Eph 4:32–5:8 Lk 13:10–17	October 29 Weekday Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35	October 31 Weekday Phil 1:18b–26 Lk 14:1, 7–11
Tuesday	Friday	Sunday
October 27 Weekday Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21	October 30 Weekday Phil 1:1–11 Lk 14:1–6	November 1 All Saints Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a
Wednesday October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16		

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270) 586-7425 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1).

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the Church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese's efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church, can be found in the back of the church on the parish bulletin board and on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).